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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CI, AS, PINS, SHUM (LAMAS, ALEXANDRA)

SUBJECT: ALLEXANDRA LAMAS - ALLEGATION OF TORTURE

REF: STATE 216034 (NOTAL)

1. AUSTRALIAN CHARGE HAS TOLD US THAT MISS LAMAS, NATURALIZED AUSTRALIAN OF ARGENTINE ORIGIN, WAS ARRESTED BY GOC SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN EARLY SEPT AND WAS DETAINED UNTIL SEPT 30, WHEN SHE WAS DEPORTED. SHE IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE IN LIMA AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO AUSTRALIA. CHARGE SAID SHE WAS NOT RPT NOT TORTURED OR OTHERWISE MALTREATED, IS NOT "MENTALLY DERANGED," AND IS IN GOOD HEALTH. MISS LAMAS HERSELF DESCRIBED TO AUSTRALIANS HER TREATMENT DURING DETENTION AS "REASONABLE".

2. AUSTRALIANS ARE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR AS TO REASONS FOR HER DETENTION, BUT LOCAL PRESS ATTRIBUTES IT TO "ANTI-CHILEAN ACTIVITIES IN CHILEAN COMMUNITY IN SYDNEY," AND "FOR BRINGING A LETTER (ONE OF 22 SHE CARRIED) WHICH HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY A CHILEAN WOMAN RESIDING IN SYDNEY WHO IS MEMBER OF AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY." PRESS ALSO SAID SHE "HAS BEEN JUDGED AND FOUND GUILTY OF BRINGING FUNDS ILLEGALLY INTO CHILE FOR THE

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OUTLAWED LEFTIST OPPOSITION." AUSTRALIANS AGREE MISS LAMAS

UNDOUBTEDLY CONVEYED IMPRESSION TO GOC OF LEFTIST SYMPATHIZER,  
AND "MISHMASH" OF CHARGES PROBABLY CONTAINS ELEMENTS  
OF TRUTH.

3. WE FIRST HEARD OF THIS CASE ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO WHEN CANADIAN  
AMB ROSS APPROACHED AMBASSADOR ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER RECENT  
DETAINEE (CHILEAN) TO EXPEDITE LATTER'S DEPARTURE AND TRAVEL TO  
US AS IMMIGRANT. AT THAT TIME ROSS INFORMED AUSTRALIAN CHARGE  
IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR THAT DETAINEE IN QUESTION HAD LEARNED  
OF MISS LAMAS' DETENTION DURING HIS OWN INCARCERATION.

4. PRESS INDICATES AND AUSTRALIANS CONFIRM THAT MISS LAMAS  
CAME TO CHILE FOR TRAINING FOR JOB IN SYDNEY WITH CHILEAN AIRLINE  
LAN. STORY HAS RECEIVED MODERATE PLAY IN LOCAL PRESS, WHICH  
FEATURES REFERENCES TO ACTOR FATHER FERNANDO LAMAS.  
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